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Championships go to the next level in day 4 of Competition.

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Flag Day, the 231st U.S. Army Birthday and the fourth day of CISM volleyball competition all took place Wednesday.

Cyprus started off the morning sweeping Canada in three straight sets.

In women's competition, the United States met up with China again. Tournament favorites China predictably won all three sets. The Dutch women also blew past Canada in three sets.

Germany faced off against India and both teams came on strong in one of the most exciting matches thus far in the tournament. Germany won the first two sets and then India came back and took the next two. In the fifth set both team were going point for point until Germany pulled out the win.

Perhaps the team from Qatar should have taken the bat flying around the gym as an ominous sign. Or, maybe it was the Korean pop music playing during the break that fueled Team Korea to victory in the last match of the day. Qatar made a



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Cyprus defeats the Canada 27-17, 25-14, 25-13 in day four of grueling competition.

strong showing in the first set but fizzled in the second and third. Here are today's results:

Women

China def. United States 25-10, 25-10, 25-10

Netherlands def. Canada 25-14, 25-14, 25-15

Men

Cyprus def. Canada 27-17, 29-27 25-13

Germany def. India 25-23, 25-16, 18-25, 24-26, 15-11

Korea def. Qatar 25-20, 25-16, 25-18

The following matches are scheduled for Thursday: Cyprus vs. United States at 9 a.m.; Netherlands vs. China (Women) at 11:30 a.m.; Canada vs. United States (Women) at 2 p.m.; Korea vs. Netherlands at 4:30 p.m. and India vs. China at 7 p.m.

Friday's schedule features United States vs. Canada at 9 a.m., Netherlands vs. Qatar at 11:30 a.m., China vs. Germany

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Chief of Mission

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Qatar's chief of mission Brig. Gen. Khalifa Al Khelaifi is no stranger to CISM and certainly no stranger to the U.S. As a matter of fact, he first met Fort Huachuca garrison commander Col. Jonathan Hunter at last year's CISM boxing championships in South Africa.

When Al Khelaifi met up with Hunter again he joked,

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Col. Jonathan Hunter and Canadian Air Force Brig. Gen. Dwayne Lukas promote CISM Volleyball at local Radio Stations.

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at 2 p.m., China vs. Canada (Women) at 4:30 p.m. and United States vs. Netherlands (Women) at 7 p.m.

Men's and women's finals take place Saturday. The public is encouraged to come out .

"They issued me 250 books and my advisor said to come see him if I needed someone to talk to. For three months I read all the time.

Finally, I went to see my advisor for help. He told me, 'Captain, you're not supposed to read all the books. You're only sposed to read parts of them!'"

About two-thirds of Qatar's athletes are members of their armed forces. Al Khelaifi has served several times as a chief of mission at CISM events over the past four years and is a staunch supporter of the program.

"I like the atmosphere and the teams are strong," he said. "I like the U.S. Army's organization of this event," Al Khelaifi added.

The Qatari volleyball team is one of two teams at Fort Huachuca making their CISM debut at this competition.

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"They say it's the best year of your life." He chuckles and continues, "I'm not sure I agree."

Happy 231st Army Birthday!

Warm congratulations on the Army birthday. The U.S. Army is a great Army and I wish them future success in contributing to world peace. As a member of the active service, I wish that the Chinese Army and the American Army become friends.

Lt. Col. Peng Xiaodong
Chinese Delegation



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Netherlands defeat Canada 25-14, 25-14, 25-15 in Volleyball action at Barnes Field House.

June 15 Competition Schedule

0900



Cyprus



USA

1130



NETHERLANDS (w)



China (w)

1400



Canada (w)



USA (w)

1630



Korea



NETHERLANDS

1800



India



China (w)